THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Sir, if the pesticides are used as per Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), their residues do not persist in food crops.

(b) and (c) The following steps are being taken/proposed to be taken to reduce pesticides residues:—

1. The Registration Committee constituted under Section 5 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 grants registration to an insecticide after satisfying itself on the basis of the comprehensive data on safety to human being and its efficacy against concerned pest without leaving toxic residue in food commodities at harvest.

2. The Registration Committee while granting a certificate of registration also attach a set of approved labels and leaflets which contain details regarding proper use of insecticide like proper doses, time, method of application, type of equipment to be used and interval between the application of pesticide and harvest so that there should be no toxic residues at the time of harvest in food commodities.

3. The Government is implementing Integrated Pest Management Programme for pest control which inter-alia focusses on adoption of suitable cultural and mechanical practices, use of botanical and biopesticides, use of biocontrole agents and judicious use of chemical pesticides based on economic threshold level of pests.

Production of Wheat in Madhya Pradesh

1695. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Madhya Pradesh produces the best quality of wheat in the country;

(b) if so, what was the production of wheat in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a gradual reduction in the production of wheat in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government proposes to take to increase the production of wheat in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Madhya Pradesh is one of the States which is producing farm varieties of wheat.

(b) The production of wheat during the last three years in Madhya Pradesh is as follows:—

(in '000 tonnes)

1991-92	5138.0
1992-93	5242.6
1993-94	6160.5

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) For increasing the productivity and production of wheat in the State, crop oriented production programme viz. Integrated Cereals Development Programme—Wheat is being implemented. Besides, programmes for inreasing the use of fertiliser in low consumption areas and extension of irrigation facilities are being implemented to improve the production of crop.

Development of Agriculture in Madhya Pradesh

1696. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for sustained development of agriculture on a long term basis in the state of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The Government of India has taken up a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to assist the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in achieving sustained development of agriculture on a long term basis. These inludes the follcowing major schemes:

1. Integrated Cereals Development Programes (Rice).

2. Integrated Cereals Development Programme (Coarse Cereals).

3. Intensive Cotton Development Programme.

4. National Pulses Development Programme.

5. Oil Seeds Production Programme.

6. Integrated Development of Spices.

7. Use of Plastics in Agriculture.

8. Soil Conservation in the Catchment of River Valley Projects.

9. Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchment of Flood Prone Rivers.

10. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas.

Amount disbursed to Krishi Vigyan Kendras

1697. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount given during the year to various Krishi Vigyan Kendras including one which is located in Sardar Shahar, District Churu, Rajasthan:

(b) whether it is a fact that most of these Kendars have been siphoning out sizeable amounts for other purposes;

(c) whether Government would ensure proper personnel administration; and

(d) if so, the fact and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The details of amount granted during the year till date to various Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Rajasthan including one located in Sardar Shahar, Distt. Churu, Rajasthan, are given in enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The personnel administration is done by the concerned grantees as per their personnel policy.

Decline in Capital formation

1698. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of capital formation in agriculture has steadily declined since the beginning of the year 1990;

(b) if so, whether private capital formation in the farm sector has fallen at the same rate as capital formation under Government auspices; and

(c) the regional variations, if any, in capital formation in agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The rate of capital formation in agriculture as percentage of GDP in the sector increased marginally in 1990-91 and 1991-92 compared to that in 1989-90. However, in 1992-93 and 1993-94 rate of capital formation in agriculture as percentage of GDP in the sector declined marginally.

(b) Capital formation in agriculture in the public sector has shown a declining trend during the period 1990-91 to 1993-94. Against this, capital formation in private sector in agriculture has increased during the same period.

(c) Regional variations in rate of capital formation in agriculture are not available.